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Official meetings

General Assembly

Seventieth session

10:00 — Conference Room 4

Informal consultations on a draft resolution of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly

[A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 16 May 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

10:00 — Trusteeship Council Chamber

15:00 — Conference Room 4

Informal informal consultations on the zero draft of the political declaration, as part of the preparatory process for the High-level meeting on HIV/AIDS

15:00 — Conference Room 11

Informal informal consultations for the fifth review of the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, convened by the Permanent Missions of Argentina and Iceland

[A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 19 May 2019, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. All permanent missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Sesselija Sigurdardottir, Permanent Mission of Iceland (e-mail sesselja.sigurdardottir@utn.stjr.is; tel. 1 (646) 282-9385); or Mr. José Luis Fernández Valoni, Permanent Mission of Argentina (e-mail jfe@mrecic.gov.ar; tel. 1 (212) 688-6300, ext. 228).]

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Fifth Committee
Second part of the resumed session

10:00 to 11:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on agenda item 153 (Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (A/70/580, A/70/717 and A/70/742/Add.7))	
11:00 to 12:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on agenda item 134 (Programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017: Revised estimates relating to the report of the Secretary-General on the future of United Nations peace operations: implementation of the recommendations of the High-level Independent Panel on Peace Operations: Section 3, Political affairs, Section 29D, Office of Central Support Services and section 36, Staff assessment (A/70/745* and A/70/7/Add.49))	
12:00 to 13:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on agenda item 157 (Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (A/70/602, A/70/740 and A/70/742/Add.4))	
15:00 to 16:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on agenda item 166 (Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009) (A/70/587, A/70/773 and A/70/742/Add.14))	
16:00 to 17:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on agenda item 165 (Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (A/70/583, A/70/730* and A/70/742/Add.6))	
17:00 to 18:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on agenda item 160 (Financing of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (A/70/592, A/70/735/Rev.1 and A/70/742/Add.2))	

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10

1. Implementation of the new common system compensation package in the United Nations Secretariat
2. Executive meeting

Review Conference on the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks

10:00 to 13:00	19th meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Opening of the resumed Review Conference (A/CONF.210/2016/1) [item 1]
2. Election of the President [item 2]

3. Address by the Secretary-General or his representative [item 3]
4. Adoption of the agenda (A/CONF.210/2016/L.1) [item 4]
5. Election to fill vacancies in the composition of the Bureau [item 5]
6. Organization of work (A/CONF.210/2016/L.2) [item 6]
7. Presentation of the report of the twelfth round of informal consultations of States Parties to the Agreement [item 7]
8. Consideration of the report on the status of the Assistant Fund (A/CONF.210/2016/2) [item 8]
9. Assessment of the effectiveness of the Agreement in securing the conservation and management of straddling fish stocks and highly migratory fish stocks, as guided by the organization of work of the Conference (A/CONF.210/2016/1) [item 9]
   (a) Review of the implementation of the recommendations adopted at the Review Conference in 2006 and 2010

15:00 to 18:00 — 20th meeting — Conference Room 2

Assessment of the effectiveness of the Agreement in securing the conservation and management of straddling fish stocks and highly migratory fish stocks, as guided by the organization of work of the Conference (A/CONF.210/2016/1) [item 9]

(a) Review of the implementation of the recommendations adopted at the Review Conference in 2006 and 2010 (*continued*)

[*PaperSmart* arrangements will be available for the duration of the resumed Review Conference. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement *at least one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart8@un.org. The entity name, date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the PaperSmart portal after their delivery by delegations. PDF format is preferred. To access the PaperSmart of the resumed Review Conference, please *click here*.

Delegations are kindly requested to provide *twenty* hardcopies of the text for the technical services *no later than one hour* before delivery of the statement.

To consult the list of side events, please *click here*.]

Economic and Social Council

2016 session

Informal informal consultations

13:15 to 14:30 — Conference Room E

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases" (under agenda item 12 (f)), convened by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation

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Informal informal consultations

15:00 to 18:00 — Conference Room C

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system" (under agenda item 12 (c)), convened by the co-facilitators (Japan and Zambia)

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
2016 resumed sessions

10:00 to 13:00 — 17th meeting — Conference Room 1

1. Election of officers [item 1]
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (E/C.2/2016/1) [item 2]
3. Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat [item 5]
4. General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network [item 8]
5. Consideration of special reports [item 7]
6. Other related matters (E/C.2/2016/CRP.18) [item 6 (c)]
7. New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification (E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.28, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.29, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.30, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.31, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.32, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.33, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.34, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.35, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.36, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.37, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.38, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.39, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.40, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.41, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.42, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.43, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.44, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.45, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.46, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.47, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.48, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.49 and E/C.2/2016/R.3) [item 3 (b)]

15:00 to 18:00 — 18th meeting — Conference Room 1

New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification (E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.28, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.29, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.30, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.31, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.32, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.33, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.34, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.35, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.36, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.37, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.38, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.39, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.40, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.41, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.42, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.43, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.44, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.45, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.46, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.47, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.48, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.49 and E/C.2/2016/R.3) [item 3 (b)]

[Members of the Committee, as well as observers who wish to attend the session, are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations in a note verbal to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Alexander Lomaia (e-mail lomaia@un.org), with a copy to komatina@un.org; Room S-3057. Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Background information on the Committee (its procedures, forms and documentation) is available on the Web site of the NGO Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (*click here*). Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online Paperless Committee System, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions.]

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

Informal consultations

10:00 to 12:00 — Conference Room 11

Midterm review of the UNDP integrated budget, 2014-2017

All member and observer delegations are invited.

Pre-session informal consultation

15:00 to 17:00 Conference Room 12

Other meetings

The information below is reproduced as received and does not imply any opinion or endorsement by the Secretariat of the United Nations. The meetings under this header are open unless otherwise indicated.

Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)

11:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 9

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room E

OIC Group (Sixth Committee experts)

13:15 to 14:30 Closed meeting Conference Room 12

Hearing on "United Nations Security Council Elections" (with candidates from the Asia-Pacific Group) (organized by the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA))

15:00 to 17:00 [webcast] Trusteeship Council Chamber

All are invited. For further information and to register, please contact WFUNA (e-mail unsc@wfuna.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5610).

Press conferences

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

For the complete list of press conferences, please click on the link *www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp*

Announcements

World Humanitarian Summit [webcast]
Istanbul, Turkey (*Monday, 23,* and Tuesday, 24 May 2016)

The Secretary-General will convene the first World Humanitarian Summit on *Monday, 23,* and Tuesday, 24 May 2016, in Istanbul, Turkey. For more information on the Summit, please *click here*. Representatives of Member States and Observers of the

General Assembly wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for the plenary session entitled "Member States and other Stakeholders' Announcements Plenary" are invited to contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; Room S-3082; with copy to muturi@un.org). Statements in the Announcements Plenary should not exceed *three minutes*.

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Seventieth session

Tuesday, 24 May 2016

10:00 Conference Room 11

Informal informal consultations on a revised draft resolution on the follow-up and review framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level

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10:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

15:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal informal consultations on the zero draft of the political declaration, as part of the preparatory process for the High-level meeting on HIV/AIDS.

Sixth Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects

Monday, 6, to Friday, 10 June 2016 Conference Room 4

The provisional agenda and programme of work are contained in documents A/CONF.192/BMS/2016/L.1 and A/CONF.192/BMS/2016/L.2, respectively. For further information, please *click here*.

Participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary, Mr. Kenji Nakano (e-mail chen50@un.org); fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Committee on Contributions

Seventy-sixth session

Monday, 6, to Friday, 24 June 2016

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly

resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information. The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States *at least two weeks* before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should have been received by the President of the General Assembly by Friday, 20 May 2016.

For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; Room FF-700 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943); or by e-mail to contributions@un.org.

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 70/245. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Security Council

Tuesday, 24 May 2016

10:00 Security Council Chamber

The Security Council will hold an open debate on "United Nations-African Union peace and security cooperation: Chapter VIII application and the future of the African Peace and Security Architecture", in connection with the agenda item "Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and subregional organizations in maintaining international peace and security".

Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should send a letter addressed to the President of the Security Council requesting to participate in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure (e-mail dpa-scsb3@un.org; or fax 1 (917) 367-0406). Please note that only scanned copies of signed letters will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are kindly requested to limit their statements to no more than *four minutes*. Delegations are reminded that the list of speakers will not be available by telephone or e-mail, but only in hard copy in the Chamber, shortly before the beginning of the meeting.

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)

Formal open consultations

Monday, 20, to Wednesday, 22 June 2016 Trusteeship Council Chamber

The Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004), as set forth in paragraph 3 of resolution 1977 (2011), is currently conducting a Comprehensive Review on the status of the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004). In this connection, the Chair of the 1540 Committee, His Excellency Román Oyarzun Marchesi, Permanent Representative of Spain, will convene formal open consultations of the Committee with Member States, relevant international and regional organizations, and appropriate sectors of civil society. Additional information will be provided in the near future.

Economic and Social Council

2016 session

Informal informal consultations

Tuesday, 24 May 2016

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room E

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases" (under agenda item 12 (f)), convened by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation.

Informal informal consultations

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room C

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system" (under agenda item 12 (c)), convened by the co-facilitators (Japan and Zambia).

Thursday, 26 May 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

15:00 to 18:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

Pursuant to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 70/215 and in accordance with the relevant provisions of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, the Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council (Honduras) will convene a one-day meeting on the role of the United Nations development system in supporting middle-income countries to achieve sustainable development. The meeting is being held in the context of the ongoing dialogue of the Council on the longer-term positioning of the United Nations development system.

All permanent and observer States, the United Nations system and accredited intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. The concept note, background paper and programme are available on the website of the Council (*click here*). For additional information, please contact Mr. Kirit Patel, Office for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) (e-mail patelk@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3944).

Coordination and management meeting

Wednesday, 1, to Friday, 3 June 2016 Economic and Social Council Chamber

Coordination and management meeting, chaired by the Vice-President of the Council, His Excellency Frederick Musiiwa Makamure Shava (Zimbabwe)

For additional information, including the programme of work, please consult the Website of the Council (*click here*) or contact Mr. Marc-André Dorel, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination (e-mail dorel@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7204).

The schedule of the *general discussion* of the items to be considered during the coordination and management meeting is listed in the programme of work (please *click here*). Requests for inscription on the *list of speakers* should be sent, *in writing*, with the full name and title of the speaker, to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Emer Herity (c/o Ms. Theresa Olvida (e-mail olvida@un.org; Room S-1281)). Inscriptions to the list of speakers will *close by 17:00* of the preceding day. The time limit set for statements during the general discussion is *seven minutes* for speakers on behalf of groups and *five minutes* for individual delegations.

For inclusion in the *list of participants*, delegations are kindly requested to send the names of their representatives and alternates attending the meetings of the Council to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Emer Herity (c/o Mr. Jose Rene Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org; Room S-1291; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are advised that *only one list of participants will be issued at the end of the 2016 session of the Council*, containing the names of the participants to the 2016 session of the Council.

Delegations are reminded that *PaperSmart services* will be available for the duration of the 2016 session of the Council. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the Council's PaperSmart Portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour in advance* of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the Council's PaperSmart Portal after its delivery by delegations. To access the PaperSmart portal of the Council, please *click here*.

First annual multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals

Monday, 6, and Tuesday, 7 June 2016 Conference Room 1

In accordance with General Assembly resolutions 69/313 and 70/1, the first annual multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals (STI forum) on the theme "Realizing the potential of science, technology and innovation for all to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals", convened by the President of the Economic and Social Council (Republic of Korea), will take place.

There will be no pre-determined list of speakers and participants are encouraged to refrain from reading prepared statements.

All are invited to attend. Since a flexible seating arrangement will be used, Member States that are not members of the Council, representatives of intergovernmental organizations as well as of the United Nations system that wish to participate, should communicate their intention to participate to the secretariat (e-mail duap@un.org), *no later than 12:00, on Wednesday, 1 June 2016*, in order to be provided a seat in the conference room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more details on the STI forum, please contact Mr. Wei Liu, Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail liuw@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3212). Additional information is also available on the website of the STI forum (*click here*) and the tentative programme is available by *clicking here*.

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Pre-session briefing

Tuesday, 24 May 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 4

In preparation for the first regular session, an informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its annual session (14-16 June 2016), combined with an informal briefing on: a) Annual report for 2015 on the evaluation function in UNICEF, and management perspective; and b) Protecting children from violence: a comprehensive evaluation of UNICEF strategies and programme performance, and management response, will take place.

All interested delegations are invited.

Informal briefing

Thursday, 2 June 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 8

Informal briefing on: (a) UNICEF Office of Internal Audit and Investigations 2015 annual report to the Executive Board and management response; and (b) Report of the Ethics Office of UNICEF for 2015

All interested delegations are invited.

Annual session

Tuesday, 14, to Thursday, 16 June 2016 Conference Room 3

The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2016/5. Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available by *clicking here*. Member States, as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session, are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (fax 1 (212) 326-7096) or e-mail them to harai@unicef.org, as early as possible, but *no later than Friday, 10 June 2016*.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

The upcoming 2016 annual session will be a PaperSmart session of the UNICEF Executive Board. This means that instead of distributing hardcopies in the conference room, all documentation will be available for downloading electronically through the UNICEF Executive Board website.

All session documents will continue to be available on the existing 'Documents' webpage, as per established practice. In addition, the UNICEF Executive Board homepage will provide a link to the 'In-session' webpage that will make available all

supporting documentation (Powerpoints and statements, etc.) to the individual meetings.

Delegations planning to present statements at the session are kindly requested to submit electronic versions to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board (Attn. Mr. Dillon Leano (e-mail dleano@unicef.org)). The intended agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. These statements will remain embargoed until delivery of the statement and then posted to the 'In-session' webpage on the UNICEF Executive Board website. The time limit set for statements during the general discussion is *five minutes* for speakers on behalf of groups and *three minutes* for individual delegations.

Delegations are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meeting in order to access electronically the official documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart portal.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services
Annual session 2016

Monday, 6, to Friday, 10 June 2016 Economic and Social Council Chamber

The provisional agenda, annotations and list of documents for the session are contained in document DP/2016/L.2. Kindly note that documents for the UNDP and UNOPS segments of the session are posted on the UNDP Executive Board website and for the UNFPA segment on the UNFPA website.

Member States, observers and other organizations attending the session are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead), as well as any requests to be on the speakers list, to Ms. Henrietta Bledman (e-mail henrietta.bledman@undp.org) for UNDP and UNOPS, and to Ms. Lourdeth Ferguson (e-mail ferguson@unfpa.org) for UNFPA, as early as possible, but *no later than Monday, 23 May 2016*.

The annual session 2016 will be PaperSmart, as per established practice. Instead of distributing hard copies, all official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart portal. The PaperSmart portal will provide access to the official documents in all official languages. Statements, background documents, informal documents and presentations will be available in the language of submission.

Documents and statements will be available for viewing and downloading through laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices. Alternatively, Member States may request hard copies of documents using the print on demand icon located next to the document in the PaperSmart portal. Member States may also request hard copies of documents at the Conference Officers' desk located in the conference room.

Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements or presentations by e-mail to the PaperSmart secretariat (e-mail papersmart4@un.org), at least two hours in advance of their speaking slot. The intended agenda item should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be available to view and download via the PaperSmart portal upon delivery. Delegations are kindly requested to provide 15 hard copies of the official statements for the interpretation and other services.

United Nations Population Fund

Informal consultation

Friday, 27 May 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 12

Informal consultation on the midterm review of the UNFPA strategic plan and integrated budget for 2014-2017; and a briefing on the funding situation of UNFPA

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services; the United Nations Children's Fund; the World Food Programme; and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

Joint meeting

Friday, 3 June 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 3

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 3

All member and observer delegations are invited.

Forthcoming conferences at Headquarters

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Conference of the States Parties

Ninth session

Tuesday, 14, to Thursday, 16 June 2016

Pursuant to article 34, paragraph 5 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the necessary *quorum* for the meeting is two-third of the States Parties. As there are *164* States Parties to the Convention, the quorum is *109* States Parties. In order to avoid lack of quorum which may lead to substantial delay or call off of the meeting of the States Parties, it is imperative for the States Parties to be present prior to the meeting.

The *general debate* will take place on Tuesday, 14 June in the morning. To facilitate the preparation of list of speakers, which will open for inscription from Tuesday, 24 May,

until Tuesday, 7 June 2016, delegations are kindly requested to communicate to the secretariat, by 17:00, of Tuesday, 7 June 2016, the relevant information, indicating the full name and title of the speaker. Inscriptions, shall be sent directly to the secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail zhangg@un.org).

The *election* to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities whose terms expire on 31 December 2016 (*click here* for general information).

The *credentials* of representatives and the names of members of a delegation issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs should be submitted to the Secretary-General prior to the opening of the session. The credentials may be sent to the secretariat via e-mail to zhangg@un.org, with the original copy sent to Mr. Guozhong Zhang, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (Room S-2905).

States parties that have not yet informed the secretariat of the *accessibility requirements* of delegates are advised to do so immediately, in order to facilitate their participation in meetings.

For *further information* concerning the Conference of the States Parties, please contact the secretariat via e-mail (zhangg@un.org and enable@un.org), or visit UN Enable website (www.un.org/disabilities).

Forthcoming other meetings

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Briefing series on the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review of the General Assembly (co-organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), in collaboration with the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

Tuesday, 24 May 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 12

For further information, please contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Hearing on "United Nations Security Council Elections" (with candidates from the Western European and Other States Group) (organized by the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA))

Tuesday, 24 May 2016

15:00 to 17:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

All are invited. For further information and to register, please contact WFUNA (e-mail unsc@wfuna.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5610).

Group of Friends of the International Criminal Court (meeting with the ICC Prosecutor) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

Wednesday, 25 May 2016

09:30 to 11:00

Conference Room 8

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Patrick Luna, Permanent Mission of Brazil (e-mail patrick.luna@itamaraty.gov.br; tel. 1 (212) 372-2606).

Briefing on "The Global Delivery Initiative: An Instrument to Support the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals" (organized by the World Bank)

Wednesday, 25 May 2016

12:15 to 14:30

Conference Room 11

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Lisa Johnson, World Bank (e-mail ljohnson3@worldbankgroup.org; tel. 1 (212) 317-4729).]

Event entitled "Democracy in Latin America: Trends and Outlooks" (organized by the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA))

Wednesday, 25 May 2016

13:15 to 14:30

Conference Room 8

All are invited. For more information, please contact Mr. Kieran Lettrich, International IDEA (e-mail k.lettrich@idea.int; tel. 1 (212) 286-1084).

Margaret Vogt Memorial Lecture Series Event entitled "What is the Impact of the Economic Crisis on Democracy? Evidence from Europe" (co-organized by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA))

Thursday, 26 May 2016

13:15 to 14:30

Conference Room 8

All are invited. For more information, please contact Mr. Kieran Lettrich, International IDEA (e-mail k.lettrich@idea.int; tel. 1 (212) 286-1084).

Third meeting on "Protecting Cultural Heritage – An Imperative for Humanity: Acting Together against the Destruction and Trafficking of Cultural Property by Terrorist Groups and Organized Crime" (at the expert level) (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Italy and Jordan, INTERPOL, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the United Nations Office on Drugs andCrime (UNODC))

Friday, 27 May 2016

10:00 to 13:00

Conference Room 6

For further information, please contact Mr. Luigi Marini, Permanent Mission of Italy (e-mail luigi.marini@esteri.it; tel. 1 (646) 840-5336).

Event entitled "E-Justice: Sharing National Experiences in Enhancing Transparency, Effectiveness and Access to Justice" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Italy, Mexico and Turkey and the Rule of Law Unit, Executive Office of the Secretary-General (on behalf of the Rule of Law Coordination and Resource Group))

Wednesday, 1 June 2016

10:00 to 12:00

Conference Room 11

All are invited. For further information, please contact the Rule of Law Unit in the Executive Office of the Secretary-General (Ms. Adriana de la Espriella (e-mail delaespriella@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2962); or Ms. Lilibeth Benitez (e-mail benitez@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-2935)).

Panel discussion on "Promoting Migrant Integration and Combating Xenophobia" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Canada and South Africa, in collaboration with the International Organization for Migration (IOM))

Thursday, 2 June 2016

10:00 to 13:00

Conference Room 3

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Kate Gough, IOM (e-mail kgough@iom.int; tel. 1 (212) 681-7000, ext. 263); or *click here*. To register, please *click here*.

Panel discussion on "Prosecuting Conflict-Related Sexual Violence: Lessons Learned from the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY)" (with the ICTY Prosecutor and Principal Legal Counsel) (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Belgium and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women))

Tuesday, 7 June 2016

11:30 to 13:00

Conference Room 6

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Emily Kenney, UN-Women (e-mail emily.kenney@unwomen.org).

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

General Assembly

Comprehensive High-level Midterm Review of the Implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020
Antalya, Turkey (27-29 May 2016)

In accordance with General Assembly resolutions 69/231 of 19 December 2014 and 70/216 of 22 December 2015, a Comprehensive High-level Midterm Review of the Implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020 will take place in Antalya, Turkey.

For more information, please *click here*.

Representatives of Member States and Observers of the General Assembly wishing to inscribe on the *list of speakers for plenary meetings* are invited to contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; Room S-3082; with copy to muturi@un.org).

Also, Members States or other participants are invited to indicate to the secretariat, by e-mail (assaj@un.org) their *preferred round tables* in which they wish to participate in, with a view to obtaining reserved seats, as well as provide a second choice, in the event that their first-preferred roundtable is unavailable due to capacity limits.

Announcements

2016 election of the International Law Commission

The election of the members of the Commission, for a five-year term beginning on Sunday, 1 January 2017, will take place at the seventy-first session of the General Assembly.

The permanent representatives are reminded that the Secretary-General would be grateful to receive, *in writing*, by *Wednesday, 1 June 2016*, the names of the candidates which their Government may wish to nominate for election to the International Law Commission, together with the statements of qualifications of such candidates.

For more information, please visit the website of the International Law Commission (*click here*); or contact the Codification Division, Office of Legal affairs (e-mail 6thcommittee@un.org).

Reports of the Secretary-General on disarmament items to be submitted to the seventy-first session of the General Assembly

The Office for Disarmament Affairs would be grateful if Member States could communicate to the Office, in hard copy and electronic version (Word format), the relevant data and information, pursuant to the General Assembly resolutions indicated below, *by Tuesday, 31 May 2016,* so as to facilitate issuance of the reports in time for consideration by the General Assembly at its seventy-first session. Provision of the submission in Microsoft word format *is required.* Kindly send the electronic version to Ms. Jenny Fuchs (fuchs@un.org).

Resolution 44/1160, paras. 8 and 9, entitled "Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of the Emplacement of Nuclear Weapons and Other Weapons of Mass Destruction on the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor and in the Subsoil Thereof", adopted on 15 December 1989 (Note verbale ODA/26-2016/WMD-Sea-Bed dated 12 February 2016 refers);

Resolution 69/61, para. 9, entitled "Women, disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control", adopted on 2 December 2014 (Note verbale ODA/29-2016/WDNPAC dated 18 February 2016 refers);

Resolution 69/65, paras. 2, 3 and 4, entitled "United Nations study on disarmament and non-proliferation education", adopted on 2 December 2014 (Note verbale ODA/28-2016/DNPE dated 16 February 2016 refers);

Resolution 70/24, paras. 10 and 11, entitled "Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East", adopted on 7 December 2015 (Note verbale ODA/38-2016/NWFZME dated 1 March 2016 refers);

Resolution 70/30, para. 4, entitled "Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control", adopted on 7 December 2015 (Note verbale ODA/9-2016/EN dated 15 February 2016 refers);

Resolution 70/31, para. 8, entitled "Promotion of multilateralism in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation", adopted on 7 December 2015 (Note verbale ODA/10-2016/ML dated 15 February 2016 refers);

Resolution 70/34, para. 14, entitled "Follow-up to the 2013 high-level meeting of the General Assembly on nuclear disarmament", adopted on 7 December 2015 (Note verbale ODA/22-2016/HLM-ND dated 11 February 2016 refers);

Resolution 70/36, para. 5, entitled "Measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction", adopted on 7 December 2015 (Note verbale ODA/21-2016/WMD-T dated 11 February 2016 refers);

Resolution 70/39, para. 3, entitled "Treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons and other explosive devices", adopted on 7 December 2015 (Note verbale ODA/37-2016/FMCT dated 25 February 2016 refers);

Resolution 70/42, para. 8, entitled "Confidence-building measures in the regional and subregional context", adopted on 7 December 2015 (Note verbale ODA/40-2016/CMB dated 14 March 2016 refers);

Resolution 70/56, para. 3, entitled "Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the legality of the threat or use of nuclear weapons", adopted on 7 December 2015 (Note verbale ODA/23-2016/ICJ dated 10 February 2016 refers);

Resolution 70/72, para. 8, entitled "Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region", adopted on 7 December 2015 (Note verbale ODA/39-2016/SSCMR dated 4 March 2016 refers); and

Resolution 70/237, para. 4, entitled "Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security", adopted on 23 December 2015 (Note verbale ODA/11-2016/IS dated 15 February 2016 refers).

The Office for Disarmament Affairs would also be grateful to receive, on-line (please *click here*), *by Friday, 27 May 2016,* the information relevant to Resolution 68/43, paras. 3, 4, 5 and 6 (a), entitled "Transparency in armaments", adopted on 5 December 2013 (Note verbale ODA/18-2016/TIA dated 4 March 2016 refers).

International Law Seminar for African Universities — Urgent appeal for voluntary contributions

The first International Law Seminar for African Universities is scheduled to take place at the Kofi Annan Centre in Accra, Ghana, from Monday, 15, to Friday, 26 August 2016, to promote capacity building in international law education for the benefit of teachers from academic institutions and government training centres throughout the region.

The African Institute of International Law will conduct the seminar in cooperation with the host country, Ghana, the Kofi Annan Centre, the African Union and the Codification

Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs pursuant to General Assembly resolution 70/116.

Information concerning the seminar is available on the website of the African Institute of International Law. The seminar is subject to funding by voluntary contributions.

The Permanent Representative of Ghana to the United Nations wishes to express her gratitude to China, Italy and New Zealand for their generous contributions to support the seminar. Additional voluntary contributions are urgently needed to support this seminar.

For more information, please see the website of the African Institute of International Law (*click here*); or contact the Secretary of the Advisory Committee on the Programme of Assistance, Ms. Virginia Morris (e-mail morrisv@un.org).

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all States parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of States parties will take place in 2016:

Nineteenth meeting of States parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (21 June 2016): election to replace twelve members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women whose terms expire on 31 December 2016 (*click here* for general information);

Thirty-fifth meeting of States parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (23 June 2016): election to replace nine members of the Human Rights Committee whose terms expire on 31 December 2016 (*click here* for general information); and

Sixteenth meeting of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (30 June 2016): election to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child whose terms expire on 28 February 2017 (*click here* for general information).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in time and the secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting in question.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for the Conference of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities should only be submitted to the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) (Attn. Mr. Guozhong Zhang (e-mail zhangg@un.org; Room S-2905)). Original copies of credentials and names of delegates, duly signed by the head of state or government or foreign minister, for all other meetings should be submitted to the New York Office of

the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Attn. Ms. Sheilah Trotta (e-mail trotta@un.org; Room DC1-213)).

Details on the procedures for the nomination of candidates for each of these elections will be communicated to States parties via notes verbales from OHCHR Geneva.

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training (in English) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-133 (First Floor), for the month of *May 2016*:

Basic research on United Nations topics

General Assembly documentation

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (*click here*).

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

Report of the High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises

The report of the Secretary-General's High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises has been issued in document A/70/723, in conjunction with the Secretary-General's report, contained in document A/70/824.

***Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council**

The *Repertoire* is published by the Security Council Affairs Division, in the Department of Political Affairs. It is designed to assist government officials, practitioners of international law, academics and all those interested in the work of the United Nations to follow the evolving practice of the Council and gain a better understanding of the framework in which it operates. The latest published volume (Sixteenth Supplement) covers the years 2008 to 2009.

For copies, please contact Mr. Louis Giordano, Meetings Support Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-7288).

The Seventeenth Supplement (2010-2011), as well as several Parts of the Eighteenth Supplement (2012-2013) are available in their advance versions on line by *clicking here*.

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2016 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Summary of official meetings

Thursday, 19 May 2016

South-South cooperation for development

High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation
Nineteenth session

5th meeting

Adoption of the report of the Working Group [item 6]

The Chair-cum-Rapporteur of the Working Group introduced the report, which consisted of two draft decisions submitted by the Working Group for adoption by the High-level Committee (SSC/19/L.5/Rev.1).

The Committee adopted draft decision 1, contained in the report.

Approval of the provisional agenda for the twentieth session of the Committee [item 7]

The Committee adopted draft decision 2, submitted by the Working Group.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda items 6 and 7.

Other matters [item 8]

The Committee concluded its consideration of item 8.

Adoption of the report of the Committee on its nineteenth session [item 9]

The Rapporteur of the Committee introduced the draft report, as contained in document SSC/19/L.4.

The Committee agreed to a proposal by the President that delegates be allowed to submit to the Rapporteur any amendments to the narrative parts of the draft report, until Wednesday, 25 May 2016.

With that understanding, the Committee adopted the draft report and thus concluded its consideration of the item.

Closing of the nineteenth session

The Associate Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) made a statement.

The Envoy of the Secretary-General on South-South Cooperation and Director of the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation also made a statement.

The representative of Thailand made a statement, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

The Vice-President, made a statement and declared the nineteenth session of the Committee closed.

Friday, 20 May 2016

Economic and Social Council

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
Fifteenth session

[archived video]

17th meeting

Provisional agenda for the sixteenth session [item 11]

The Chair made a statement.

The Permanent Forum approved its provisional agenda for the sixteenth session, contained in document E/CN.19/2016/L.8, as orally revised.

Adoption of the report of the Permanent Forum on its fifteenth session [item 12]

The Rapporteur introduced the draft report of the Forum, including draft decisions and recommendations, as contained in documents E/C.19/2016/L.2, E/C.19/2016/L.3, E/C.19/2016/L.4, E/C.19/2016/L.5, E/C.19/2016/L.6, E/C.19/2016/L.7 and E/C.19/2016/L.8, and introduced a number of oral revisions.

The Chair stated that he had been informed by the secretariat that the draft recommendations contained in documents E/C.19/2016/L.2 E/C.19/2016/L.3, E/C.19/2016/L.4, E/C.19/2016/L.5, E/C.19/2016/L.6 and E/C.19/2016/L.7 did not entail programme budget implications. The Chair also stated that the secretariat did not have enough time to assess any budgetary implications of the revisions to the draft recommendations, which would therefore be prepared and provided to the Economic and Social Council at the time of its consideration of the report of the Forum.

The Secretary of the Permanent Forum read out an oral statement on the draft decisions contained in document E/C.19/2016/L.8.

The Permanent Forum adopted its draft report, contained in documents E/C.19/2016/L.2, E/C.19/2016/L.3, E/C.19/2016/L.4, E/C.19/2016/L.5, E/C.19/2016/L.6, E/C.19/2016/L.7 and E/C.19/2016/L.8, as orally revised, and authorized the Rapporteur to finalize it, with the support of the secretariat.

The meeting was suspended.

The meeting was resumed.

Closing of the session

The Secretary-General of the United Nations made a statement.

Ms. Martha Ntoipo (Maasai, United Republic of Tanzania), Ms. Mary Fimat (Maasai, Kenya) and Ms. Christine Terina (Samburu, Kenya) conveyed a spiritual message.

The Chair made a concluding statement.

The Chair declared closed the fifteenth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

Summary of official meetings held away from Headquarters

Friday, 20 May 2016

General Assembly

International Law Commission
Sixty-eighth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

3302nd meeting

Identification of customary international law [item 6]

The Commission continued its consideration of the Special Rapporteur's fourth report on the topic (A/CN.4/695).

Programme, procedures, working methods of the Commission and its documentation [item 11]

The Chair of the Drafting Committee announced the following composition of the Drafting Committee on "Crimes against humanity": *Chair*: Mr. Pavel Šturma (Czech Republic); *Special Rapporteur*: Mr. Sean D. Murphy (United States of America); *Members*: Ms. Concepción Escobar Hernández (Spain), Mr. Mathias Forteau (France), Mr. Mahmoud D. Hmoud (Jordan), Mr. Maurice Kamto (Cameroon), Mr. Roman A. Kolodkin (Russia Federation), Mr. Donald M. McRae (Canada), Mr. Ernest Petrič (Slovenia), Mr. Gilberto V. Saboia (Brazil), Mr. Narinder Singh (India), Mr. Marcelo Vázquez-Bermúdez (Ecuador), Mr. Amos S. Wako (Kenya), Mr. Michael Wood (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) and Mr. Ki Gab Park (Republic of Korea) *(ex officio)*.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters. Kiev, 21 May 2003

Accession: Malta (20 May 2016)

Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context. Kiev, 21 May 2003

Accession: Malta (20 May 2016)

Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Nagoya, 29 October 2010

Accession: Zambia (20 May 2016)

Arms Trade Treaty. New York, 2 April 2013

Ratification: Zambia (20 May 2016)

Paris Agreement. Paris, 12 December 2015

Ratification: Guyana (20 May 2016)

General information

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *May 2016* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States
Zimbabwe
His Excellency Frederick Musiiwa Makamure Shava

Asia-Pacific States
Iraq
His Excellency Mohamed Ali Alhakim

Eastern European States
Bosnia and Herzegovina
His Excellency Miloš Vukašinović

Latin American and Caribbean States
Bahamas
His Excellency Elliston Rahming

Western European and other States
Monaco
Her Excellency Isabelle Picco

General Assembly
Seventieth session

For the online schedule of formal and informal meetings of the General Assembly during the resumed part of the seventieth session, please *click here.*

For the *list of speakers,* delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063)).

For the submission of a *draft resolution* for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-7784 (Room S-3044). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

For *PaperSmart Services,* delegations are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements for posting on the PaperSmart portal to papersmart@un.org. The title and the date of the meeting should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail.

For *announcement for Member States on issuance of communications*, delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the permanent representative or chargé d'affaires of the permanent mission to the United Nations.

The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/70/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

Materials that are accessible to the public on websites or through the media, such as statements, press releases and images, should be cited rather than included in the communications.

For *future elections of non-permanent members of the Security Council and members of the Economic and Social Council* pursuant to operative paragraph 17 of resolution 68/307 of 10 September 2014, the election for the 2017-2019 term in the Economic and Social Council will take place *in the afternoon* on Tuesday, 14 June 2016. The elections for the 2017-2018 term in the Security Council will take place on Tuesday, 28 June 2016.

The *election of the President* of the General Assembly at its seventy-first session, as well as the *election of the Vice-Presidents and Chairs of the Main Committees* at its seventy-first session will take place on Monday, 13 June 2016.

Candiweb – A website dedicated to elections and candidatures at United Nations Headquarters in New York, to access it, please *click here*.

Seventy-first session

The preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-first regular session of the General Assembly is contained in document A/71/50.

Request for conference rooms and services at United Nations Headquarters

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For access and security-related matters, please contact Lieutenant Malinda McCormack/DSS (e-mail mccormackm@un.org, or levyd@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7028);

For nameplates, podium signs and room set-up, please contact the Preparatory Work Team/DGACM (e-mail prepwork@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7348);

For PaperSmart Portal matters, please contact the PaperSmart Team/DGACM (e-mail papersmart@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7349);

For publishing material for inclusion in the *Journal*, please contact the Journal Unit/DGACM (e-mail journal@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3888; or 1 (212) 963-0493);

For media access and accreditation, please contact the Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit/DPI (e-mail malu@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6934);

For detailed information on the policies and procedures regarding the use of conference rooms, facilities and services at the United Nations Headquarters, please refer to document ST/AI/416.

Documentation Services for Delegates provided by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM)

Useful *links* to United Nations documentation resources can be found at www.un.org/documents. The Official Document System (ODS) features an enhanced search page (documents.un.org) which, using keywords, facilitates considerably the search and retrieval of documents.

eSubscription for a simple and fast alternate way to access United Nations parliamentary documents electronically through the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management's eSubscription service, please *click here*.

Based on RSS feeds (Really Simple Syndication), the latest edition of the *Journal* and parliamentary documents issued daily at Headquarters can be accessed readily on a computer or hand-held smart device. Sign-up is free and easy by visiting the eSubscription page at www.undocs.org.

An overview of all documents with the options "e-mail" or "RSS" next to each document category is located there. After sign-up, documents will be sent to the subscriber via e-mail as soon as they are made available. Comments, questions and suggestions are invited to be sent to help-desk@un.org.

The *DGACM Documents Assistance Centre (DAC)* located in the North Delegates Lounge in Room CB-0264 is a central point of support for delegates seeking documentation assistance. In addition, the Delegates' Documents Counter is located adjacent to the Accessibility Centre in Room S-01B32. To contact the DAC, please call 1 (212) 963-2105; and/or e-mail dac@un.org.

Conference Officer Desks and/or Documents Counters are located in each of the following conference rooms in the Secretariat Building: Conference Rooms 1, 2, 3 and 4, the General Assembly Hall, the Economic and Social Council Chamber and the Trusteeship Council Chamber, where documents for the meeting being held at that time may be obtained.

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Office of the President of the Council (e-mailed dpa-scsb3@un.org; Room S-2472; fax 1 (917) 367-0406). For queries, please call 1 (212) 963-5258.

The *website of the Presidency* of the Security Council can be visited at www.un.org/en/sc/presidency/.

Information about previously *unscheduled meetings* and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by clicking on "Programme of work" on the website of the Security Council at www.un.org/en/sc; or by calling 1 (212) 963-5258.

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of *prepared statements* which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered.

Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Room Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; Room S-0220).

Information regarding the *Journal of the United Nations*

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Back issues of the *Journal*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: www.un.org/en/documents/journal.asp and www.un.org/fr/documents/journal.asp. All comments and suggestions about the *Journal* are welcome. Kindly contact the office of the *Journal* at journal@un.org.

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In addition, a hotline number for updates during weather emergencies or other urgent situations can be accessed by calling 1 (212) 963-9800.

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Documents issued at United Nations Headquarters on Friday, 20 May 2016

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations http://documents.un.org in the electronic version of the present Journal.

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	Thirtieth special session
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	Seventieth session
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A/70/878	Item 120 — Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly — Letter dated 29 March 2016 from the President of the General Assembly to Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations [A C E F R S] — *3 pages*
A/70/880	Item 107 — International drug control — Letter dated 10 May 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Uzbekistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *6 pages*
A/70/881–S/2016/449	Items 16, 65, 70 and 72 — Culture of peace — Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions — Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance — Promotion and protection of human rights — Letter dated 16 May 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *2 pages*

Seventy-first session

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Item 131 of the preliminary list — Programme planning — Proposed strategic framework for the period 2018-2019 — Part two: biennial programme plan — Programme 13 — International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice — Subprogramme 9 — Provision of secretariat services and substantive support to the United Nations intergovernmental bodies and the International Narcotics Control Board [A C E F R S] — *1 page*

United Nations Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects

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